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### MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### IMPORT TRADE CONTROL

New Delhi, the 25th August 1959

**SUBJECT:**—Import of "Fruits", all sorts, excluding coconuts and cashewnuts, fresh, dried, salted or preserved, n.o.s. and excluding dates' (S. No. 21(a)/IV), Asafoetida (S. No. 31/V), Cumin Seeds and medicinal herbs from Afghanistan.

**No. 82-ITC(PN)/59.**—Attention of the importers is invited to the Ministry of Commerce & Industry Public Notice No. 82-ITC(PN)/58 dated the 18th July, 1958, according to which imports of fruits (dried and fresh) falling under S. No. 21(a)/IV and Asafoetida falling under S. No. 31/V, Cumin Seeds and medicinal herbs were to be allowed from Afghanistan through approved importers on an *ad hoc* basis, subject to a monetary ceiling.

2. With a view to maintaining the traditional pattern of trade between India and Afghanistan, the position has been reviewed and, in terms of the arrangements recently agreed to between the two countries, it has been decided to permit with effect from the 21st July 1959, imports of fruits (dried and fresh) falling under S. No. 21(a)/IV, Asafoetida falling under S. No. 31/V, Cumin Seeds falling under S. No. 37/IV and medicinal herbs (as per list appended) from Afghanistan on an *ad hoc* basis through approved importers which category will include those who have participated in the Indo-Afghan trade in these commodities during the four years ending the 30th June, 1958, and have already been registered as approved importers. Such approved importers, whose names have been deregistered, will not be eligible for any permits.

3. Applications, in the prescribed form, for the import of fruits (dried and fresh), asafoetida, cumin seeds and medicinal herbs from the approved importers will be considered as and when received and permits will be issued on an *ad hoc* basis. The applications should be supported by evidence of contracts made with the exporters in Afghanistan, showing the names of the exporters in Afghanistan and the quantity and price at which the contract has been made. The evidence of despatch of goods from Afghanistan, such as, transit certificates granted by the Afghan authorities and Railway Receipts etc. should also accompany the applications.

4. Imports will be effected by the approved importers subject to the following conditions:—

- (a) Payments for fruits (dried and fresh), asafoetida, cumin seeds and medicinal herbs will be made by importers either in accordance with EP and EPI procedures prescribed by the Reserve Bank of India or to a Special Rupee Account to be opened by the Afghan Bank authorised by the Government of Royal Kingdom of Afghanistan in this behalf with any commercial bank in India of their choice;

- (b) The importer, while applying for permits, would be required to give an undertaking for effecting exports to counterbalance imports. If exports equal to the value of imports are not made by 21st September 1960 or within eight months from the date of importation whichever is earlier he would be required to deposit within a period of one month in the Special Rupee Account an amount equal to the value by which the exports from India fall short of imports from Afghanistan. Should the importer fail to comply with this requirement or should his exports in 1959-60 fall short of 75% of the value of his imports from Afghanistan he shall be "de-registered" from the list of approved importers;
- (c) A monthly report of the goods imported shall be submitted to the licensing authority concerned;
- (d) A similar monthly report of the goods exported under EP or EPI arrangements shall also be furnished to the concerned licensing authorities; and
- (e) Each approved importer will be required to give separately a bond on stamped paper in the prescribed form for effecting exports to counterbalance imports as required by the licensing authority and will be given a pass book in which the account of his import/export performance will be maintained.

*List of 'Medicinal Herbs' which can be imported from Afghanistan into India*

<i>English</i>	<i>Vernacular Equivalents</i>
1. Hysop	Zoofa
2. Rose Flower (dried)	Gule Golab
3. Bugloss (Borage)	Gule Gawzaban
4. Quince seed	Beh-Danna
5. White and red Behmen (urdu)	Behman Safid wa Sorkh
6. Jujube	Onaab
7. Ratanjot (Hindi)	Yarlang
8. Mannaa	Turanjabeen
9. Dorconcum	Darawenj
10. Manna (taken from Atraphaxis Spinosa)	Sheer-Khesht
11. Licorice (Mulathi)	Shireen Bola
12. Wild Carrot	Shakakul

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